

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as set forth below.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A spiral coil shaped insertion body ~~which for~~
insertion into a female screw and for receiving a male screw which is screwed in is formed by
coiling a wire having a rhombic cross section ~~and is attached to a female screw of a flexible~~
~~material~~, the spiral coil shaped insertion body comprising:

a cylinder portion having a fixed outside diameter; and

a ~~taper~~tapered portion having an outside diameter gradually reduced from the
cylinder portion toward the distal end of the insertion body,

the outside thread pitch diameter of the cylinder portion being greater than the
pitch diameter of the female screw, and the inside thread pitch diameter of a region of the ~~taper~~
tapered portion covering one or more turns being smaller than the pitch diameter of ~~a~~the male
screw.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The spiral coil shaped insertion body according to
claim 1, wherein the distal end of said ~~taper~~tapered portion is extended to form a small-diameter
cylinder portion.